

Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

Wadena District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- Water quality
- Agriculture waste management systems (including closure of agriculture waste pits & nutrient management)
- Erosion control
- Forestry management
- Grazing systems (including pasture irrigation)
- Wildlife Habitat
- Irrigation management
- Pest management (including invasive species)
- Recreation
- Land Conversion
- Education on resource management

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

The sensitive outwash soils in areas as defined by the general soils map from the Wadena County soil survey which are all soil associations except Association 5 – water quality issues

The zone within 1 mile of the Crow Wing River and/or Shell River in Wadena County – soil erosion, water quality, and land conversion issues.

The zone within 1 mile of all rivers and streams in Wadena County – soil erosion, water quality, and land conversion issues.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications that will be addressing soil erosion and water quality concerns.

Nutrient management on cropland located in sensitive outwash soil areas.

Forestry and wildlife practices addressing declining habitat, and/or controlling soil erosion within river or stream zones.

Applications with prescribed grazing practices addressing forage quality and herd

health.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

SOIL EROSION – the application will install practices within 1 mile of the Crow Wing River and Shell River that will reduce sheet and rill erosion and /or wind erosion by 2 or more tons/acre/year.(10 points)

SOIL EROSION – the application will install practices within 1 mile of all other streams or rivers in the county that will reduce sheet and rill erosion and /or wind erosion by 2 or more tons/acre/year. (5 points)

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – nutrient management will be implemented within the areas of sensitive outwash soils as defined by all soil associations except association 5 of the general soil map of Wadena County.(8 points)

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – the application will install a vegetative buffer that is 50 feet or more wide around Type 2 through Type 8 wetlands.(5 points)

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – the application will convert an existing high pressure irrigation system to low pressure resulting in less sheet and rill erosion and reduce the leaching potential of fertilizers and pesticides in ground water. (3 points)

FOREST MANAGEMENT – forest site preparation, forest trails and landings, forest stand improvement, and/or tree planting will be implemented as addressed in a forest stewardship plan. (8 points)

FOREST MANAGEMENT – the forestry practices which will be implemented were a result of damages caused by an insect or disease problem. (3 points)

HABITAT CONSERVATION – the application will implement practices such as these: Prescribed Burning, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, Early Succession Habitat Development, and/or Wetland Restoration in areas where land conversions have taken place within 1 mile of rivers in Wadena County. (10 points)

GRAZING SYSTEMS – the prescribed grazing system also implements forestry practices which are compatible with the requirements of the EQIP program and the prescribed grazing practice standards. (3 points)

ALL RESOURCES – the practices to be installed will result in a resource management system (RMS) on the tract (3 points)

ALL RESOURCES – in addition to meeting a resource management system (RMS) on the tract the practices to be installed will result in a RMS on the whole farm (2 points)

5. **Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**

Completed above.

6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

None.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group Date